

## Economic Services Administration Celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month

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On November 6, the Division of Child Support, Tribal Relations Team and the Community Services Division, State-Tribal Relations Unit, hosted our 13<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month.



Pictured from Left to Right:

Making fry bread -  
Marla Conwell,  
Mary Du Puis, and  
Bryan Blackburn  
with SPIPA.

Arts and Crafts -  
Vickie Era-Pankretz,  
Alutiq-Koniag,  
Natives of Kodiak,  
Doyon

ESA Employees.

Since its inception in 1990, National American Indian Heritage Month was designated to promote the recognition of significant contributions by the first Americans to the establishment and growth of the nation, and increasing awareness of the sacrifices and challenges Native Americans have experienced throughout history.

Well over 100 people attended the Celebration held at the Capital View building in Olympia.

Our Celebration included:

- Luncheon featuring Indian Tacos
- Seven Generations Culture Group – (Performing traditional drumming and signing)
- American Indian Arts and Crafts display
- Continuous Slide Show featuring photos taken at many years of partnership events such as Tribal Canoe Journeys and prior Heritage Month events
- Tribal Informational Resource Table





# Seven Generations Culture Group:

Representatives from  
the following Tribes:  
Navajo/Hopi,  
Puyallup/Squaxin/  
Nisqually,  
Quileute/Quinault,  
Sminole/Cree and  
Makah.

Many thanks to everyone participating in the Celebration, including those donating food and cash. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Throughout the month of November, look for other events across the State to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month.